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SUBJ: HEADMASTER FOR OVERSEA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

FOR GORDON PARSONS, A/OS

1. OVERSEA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HAS EXTERNAL CURRENTY
ACCOUNT IN HAND. SOLID PACKAGE FOR HEADMASTER AS
FOLLOWS:

A. TAX-FREE RUPEE SALARY OF 126 THOUSAND ANNUALLY.
OF THIS, UP TO US \$8,400 MAY BE REMITTED TO STATESIDE
ACCOUNT, LEAVING BALANCE OF RS 42 THOUSAND.

B. HOUSING ALLOWANCE OF RS 1500 PER MONTH.

C. VEHLCE DEPRECIATIO ALLOWANCE OF RS 250 PER
MONTH.

D. VEHICLE PETROL/MAINTANCE ALLOWANCE OF RS
1000 PER MONTH.

E. ECNHOMY FARE AIR TRAVEL FOR HEADMASTER AND UP
TO THREE DEPENDENTS TO AND FROM COLOMBO AT BEGINNING
AND END OF CONTRACT.

F. ROUND-TRIP ECONOMY FARE AIR TRAVEL FROM UNITED
STATES TO COLOMBO ANNUALLY FOR UP TO TWO MINOR DEPENDENTS
NOT RESIDING IN COLOMBO.

G. TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR HEADMASTER TO ATTEND
AREA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CONFERENCES ANNUALLY.

H. PAID TRANSPORT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO AND FROM
COLOMBO AT BEGINNING AND END OF CONTRACT UP TO VALUE
OF 2500 POUNDS SEA FREIGHT.

I. DRIVER TO BE PROVIDED FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS TRAVEL.

J. INTEREDST-FREE LOAN UP TO RS 10,000 FOR PURCHASE
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OF LOCAL FURNISHINGS FOR QUARTERS.

K. DUTY-FREE IMPORT OF NORMAL HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ITEMS INCLUDING VEHICLE DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS IN SRI LANKA.

2. CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. PAID HOME-LEAVE EVERY TWO YEARS IF CONTACT EXTENDED. THIRTY DAYS' PAID VACATION LEAVE.

3. BOARD HAS DECIDED TO DELAY ENGAGEMENT OF EXPATRIATE HEADMASTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1975. ANTICIPATING EARLIER JANUARY 1975 ENGAGEMENT, BRITISH COUNCIL IN UK HAS ALREADY ADVERTISED POSITION AND INTERVIEWED SIXTY CANDIDATES. THEY WANT TO HAVE FINAL INTERVIEW LATE NOVEMBER SO THAT SELECTION BY COLOMBO BOARD CAN BE MADE BY MID-DECEMBER TO AFFORD PERSON CHOSEN TIME TO GIVE NOTICE PRIOR BEGINNING OF JANUARY 1975 SCHOOL TERM.

4. WILL SEND FULL PACKAGE OF DETAILS ABOUT SCHOOL, COLOMBO, AND PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS DIRECTLY. CAN YOU COME UP WITH AMERICAN CANDIDATES IN ADDITION TO PAPPAS BY EARLY DECEMBER? IF WE PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES, CAN YOU ARRANGE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH JIM HIGHAM AND JIM LEADER, WHO CAN BE REACHED THROUGH SRI LANKA DESK OFFICER AT STATE? COMPOSITION OF BOARD HAS CHANGED SO THAT AMERICAN AS WELL AS EUROPEAN CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION. BOARD MAY WANT TO BRING CHIEF CANDIDATES TO COLOMBO FOR FINAL DECISION BUT THIS OPTION STILL UNDECIDED.

5. REQUEST REPLY BY TELEGRAM TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS COLOMBO TIME OCTOBER TO HAVE TIME TO ADJUST BRITISH COUNCIL SELECTION SCHEDULE TO FIT OUTS.

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